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SUBJECT: OCEAN TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS FOR SFM
PERMANENT CAMP

REFERENCE: A. STATE 052832 (NOTAL), B. CAIRO 2966

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS AFTER-
NOON OF MARCH 5 CONCERNING REFTEL A, IT HAS BEEN DETER-
MINED THAT APPROACH SUGGESTED REFTEL B TO EITHER FAHMY
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OR GENERAL GAMASY, WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY BE UNPRODUCTIVE,

AND SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED.

2. AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE AMBASSADOR, WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING PORT TAWFIQ WHERE, IF OFFLOADING COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, BRIDGE PROBLEM AT ISMAILIA WOULD BE BYPASSED. ALSO TAWFIQ IS CLOSER TO SINAI PASSES. REQUEST YOU EXPLORE WITH APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS POSSIBILITY OF OFFLOADING PORT TAWFIQ, IDENTIFYING ANY FORESEEABLE DIFFICULTIES WITH SUCH COURSE OF ACTION; INCLUDING PORT FACILITIES, AND ROAD CONDITIONS FROM TAWFIQ TO GIDDI. YOU SHOULD ALSO HAVE ROADS CHECKED BY SFM PERSONNEL.
3. IF RESULTS OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE NEGATIVE LIKELY RESULT WILL BE UTILIZATION OF PORT SAID.
4. AGREE BEST OCCASION FOR RAISING PROBLEM WITH GOE WILL BE KONTOS VISIT. DISCUSSIONS SHOULD INCLUDE IN GENERAL TERMS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OFFLOADING ARRANGEMENTS AT SAID OR TAWFIQ, TRANSPORTATION FROM PORT, CANAL CROSSING IF REQUIRED, AND FOR ANY NECESSARY ROAD REPAIR WORK FROM EITHER PORT. REQUEST CAN BE MADE SPECIFIC WHEN WE HAVE MORE DATA IN HAND. TAWFIQ WILL REQUIRE TRANSITING SUEZ CANAL AND WE SHOULD ENSURE THAT WILL POSE NO DIFFICULTIES. YOU SHOULD MENTION FACT THAT WE ARE PURSUING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFLOADING AT EGYPTIAN PORT IN SPITE OF ADDITIONAL COST AND SCHEDULE SLIPPAGE IN LIEU OF RAISING BOYCOTT ISSUE WHICH WE PERCEIVE COULD CAUSE GOE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS OVER SINAI II.

FOR LONDON: APPRECIATE RESPONSE PER CAIRO 03421 AND YOUR READINESS TO ASSIST. YOU WILL SEE FROM ABOVE THAT WE HAVE DECIDED AGAINST SEEKING GOE ASSISTANCE FOR A WAIVER. KISSINGER

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